

# I-470 Purpose and Need Study

- **What is the purpose of the study?**
  - Identify underlying root causes for transportation issues along the I-470 corridor
  - Prioritize issues into short- and long-term needs for future transportation studies and improvements
  - Develop the Purpose and Need Study so future transportation projects comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
- **What is the National Environmental Policy Act?**
  - Requires an assessment of the social, economic and environmental impacts for a proposed transportation action or project that will use federal funds and/or federal permits for construction
  - Helps agencies and the public make well-informed decisions about transportation investments in their community
- **Example needs to address could include:**
  - Better accommodation of future transportation levels, ensuring more efficient travel
  - A safer, more efficient corridor that reduces traffic congestion and accidents
  - Enhanced mobility for regional residents
  - Improved access to employment opportunities and commerce

